

Annapolis, Maryland, May 2nd, 1907.

The Board of Public Works of Maryland, met, this day, in the Governor's Office, in Annapolis, at 11-15 a, m.

Present: Governor Warfield and Comptroller Atkinson.

On motion of Dr. Atkinson, seconded by the Governor, the bill of Emmart & Quartley, was approved, the same having been sent to the Comptroller for payment.

On motion of Dr. Atkinson, the letter signed by Messrs. Benj. T. Hooper, and Lawrence P. Ashton, and also the letter from Mr. Alonzo Travers, together with the petition, asking that an Oyster Inspector be appointed to protect the small oysters in the waters of Honga River, Hooper's Straits and Holland's Straits, was ordered to be referred to Captain Howard, Commander of the State Fishery Force, for his recommendation. Seconded and carried.

Dr. Atkinson moved that the list of lot owners filed with the Board of Public Works, together with the regulations of the Board of Shell Fish Commissioners, be transmitted to the Commander of the Oyster Navy with the request that the same be carried out, as far as consistent with the law. Seconded and carried.

The letter from the Board of Shell Fish Commissioners together with the regulations passed by said Board were ordered spread upon the minutes of the Board of Public Works.

April 5th, 1907.

To the Honorable,

The Board of Public Works of Maryland,
Annapolis, Md.

Dear Sirs:--

In compliance with Section 111 of Chapter 711 of the Acts of 1906, under and by virtue of which said Section, the Board of Shell Fish Commissioners of Maryland is authorized and empowered to designate such natural oyster beds and bars in the Chesapeake Bay and tributaries as said Board at its discretion may determine, for the purpose of supplying seed oysters to lessees under the New Oyster Law; we beg to advise your Honorable Board of our action by enclosing herewith a copy of an order passed in the premises. In this connection we would state that in order that the regulations

prescribed in the enclosed order may be complied with, it is most important that one or more boats of the State Fishery Service be donated for the work of enforcing said regulations at once, to the end that they may be upon said ground by April 15th.

We shall be very glad to co-operate with you or with Commander Howard in such manner as you may prescribe.

Very respectfully yours,

Walter J. Mitchell,

B. K. Green,

Caswell Grave,

The Board of Shell Fish Commissioners.

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Annapolis, Md., March 28th, 1907.

At a meeting of the Board of Shell Fish Commissioners held on the above date, the following order was passed.

IT IS ORDERED BY THE BOARD OF SHELL FISH COMMISSIONERS OF MARYLAND, this 28th, day of March, 1907, that pursuant to the provisions of Section 101 of Chapter 711 of the Acts of Assembly of 1906, the following area is set aside for the purposes mentioned in Section 111 of said Act, that is to say, all that part of the Chesapeake Bay lying beyond the territorial boundaries of the respective tidewater counties adjacent thereto, which is situated north of a straight line drawn from the point on the western shore of the Bay known as Bodkin Point to a point on the eastern shore of the Bay known as Swan Point, excluding the whole of Swan Point Bar.

REGULATIONS.

1. Any licenses tonger for the oyster season of 1906-1907 may tong, between the fifteenth day of April and the 15th, day of May, 1907, for oysters in the above mentioned area. The oysters so tonged shall be culled within the area hereby set aside for the purpose of excluding all shells, which must be thrown overboard within said area upon the natural rocks from which they were taken. All oysters valuable for planting purposes, however, may be removed or taken during the period aforesaid whether above or below 2 1/2 inches in length.

2. No boat shall be permitted to leave the area above men-

tioned with a cargo, or part of a cargo of oysters, on board, unless the Captain, or other person in charge of the same, shall exhibit to the Commander of the police boat patrolling the said area, a contract of purchase for the oysters so mentioned, signed by one or more of the lessees of land in the State of Maryland leased for oyster culture under the provisions of Chapter 711 of the Acts of 1906. A list of said lessees shall be furnished by the Clerk of the Shell Fish Commission to the Commander of the Police Boat, or boats, patrolling said area.

3. No boat having a dredge or scrape on board shall be allowed to take oysters in the area above mentioned.

By order of

Shell Fish Commissioners of Maryland.

On motion of Dr. Atkinson, the Board at 11.30 adjourned.

Orval Hilphman

Secretary.